

March 11, 2003

Exemption No. 6897B
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-8612

Mr. William L. Hale
3607 Valley Oak Drive
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Dear Mr. Hale:

This is in response to your February 24, 2003, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for an extension of Exemption No. 6897, as amended. That exemption from § 91.109(a) and (b)(3) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits you to conduct certain flight instruction and simulated instrument flights to meet recent instrument experience requirements in certain Beechcraft airplanes equipped with a functioning throwover control wheel in place of functioning dual controls.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to you.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 6897, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 6897, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its May 31, 2003, termination date to May 31, 2005, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

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All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6897, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 6897.

In an effort to allow the public to participate in tracking the FAA's rulemaking activities, we have transitioned to the Department of Transportation's Internet-accessible Docket Management System (DMS), located at <http://dms.dot.gov>. This new system enables interested persons to submit, view, and download requests to the DMS in accordance with 14 CFR § 11.63. Future requests should be submitted through this system.

Sincerely,

/s/

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